

Letters

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Dear Editor: Some years ago I had the opportunity to chair a committee studying the aspect of having cable TV in Heber City. As you can guess many companies contacted me wanting the opportunity to provide the service. We studied the programming of channels and the many futuristic ideas that cable could be used for. One of the main reasons the original company was chosen was because they offered the best "family" entertainment, the best local access, and the most service to the community. The schools, County jail, hospital, library, and care center were given free service as a community service and as advertising.

A few years ago, the original franchise was sold, and I went to the City Council and voiced my concern for the change in ownership. Now my nightmares have come true. Last Wednesday afternoon the cable service to the hospital was terminated without warning or option. I just happen to be the one who would be contacted at the hospital so I speak the truth. I wonder if the other community service ideas have gone by the wayside too.

The franchise contract did not mention these public services, but I would think after this many years we could have been contacted before the service was terminated. If you have ever been a patient in a hospital, you know that TV helps pass many lonely hours. Thanks for listening.

Robert Giles

Dear Editor: We have been silently cheering ever since having read Jean Brown's letter of March 29. We were anxious to see *The Wave* the

following week to see the responses. To our surprise and amazement, there were none.

We too are greatly concerned about the future of Midway. We were, as was the Brown family, attracted to the same wonderful attributes of the beautiful city of Midway; the friendly, honest people, as well as the peaceful, picturesque community. It was and still is "heaven on earth" to us.

But our concern is that these wonderful people who live here, because they have never had the experience of living anywhere else, do not realize what great a jewel they possess. We want Midway to stay the way it is in most respects. We are not against development. We just think we need to be real smart about it. In ten years, it would be wonderful if our kids could still ride their bikes to the bus stop and still find their bikes there after school — metropolitan areas would be amazed that this could happen in this day and age.

We think that is important is for us to determine what kind of growth we want and then make sure that anything that is allowed to happen in Midway must comply to the requirements set forth. We think we are already too late on a couple of things. We were heartbroken to discover, too late for us to do anything about it, that land has been purchased and permission granted to build a new garage along beautiful Midway Lane approaching our Town Square. There are areas in Midway where this industrial-type of development would be acceptable, but not along that pristine lane. And what about those who live adjacent to that property? That will decrease their land value, and they didn't have a chance to do anything about it.

Also we hear rumblings of a possible County dump in our beautiful and picturesque Dutch Canyon. We have good friends who purchased property in that area, built a beautiful home there because they desired that peaceful seclusion, only now to find that they may be sitting along the road of a potential thoroughfare for dump trucks mak-

ing a highway out of their peaceful surroundings. Are we going to allow that?

We believe it is imperative that a plan be made before we make any more mistakes. We must decide how we want to develop and pass City ordinances to insure that kind of development. People who visit here have often been heard to say, "Don't let Midway ever change." Well change and growth are inevitable. But let's make sure that this growth is something from which we can all benefit. Let's determine what kind of businesses we will want to encourage and what we will not.

There was a community in California not far from our former home, that was dying. The city organized a committee to do some research on development and planning and determined a city plan. Everything had to be a western motif. All new buildings were required to have the theme and older building owners were encouraged to do something to make their buildings conform. Today it is one of the most picturesque communities we have ever visited. It is a thriving town filled with antique stores, art galleries, and craft shops, restaurants and entertainment facilities. It is a fun place to visit because it entertains the whole family. Yet, there is no business that is polluting, or industrial in nature. Midway has this kind of potential. It is already full of wonderful artists. It certainly is not lacking in any area of artistic achievement. Unless we are mistaken, there is no other "art colony" in Utah. Our new "theatre arts" plans would fit in nicely with this concept. This is what we see for Midway.

We love our little community. Let's protect it by doing whatever we can to see that future development is intelligently thought out and let's do it three years ago! We suggest organizing a committee or having a town meeting, whereby other citizens of Midway can have some input!

Robert and Charlene Johnson

